

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2009-165-E

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY D/B/A SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY – SOUTH CAROLINA – APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATABILITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Southern Power Company d/b/a Southern Power Company – South Carolina (“Southern Power” or “Company”) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a new 230-kV transmission line (“transmission line”) in northeastern Cherokee County, South Carolina. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-33-10, et. seq. (1976 and Supp. 2008), the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act (“Siting Act”). According to the Application, the transmission line will originate at the natural gas-fired combustion turbine generating facility Southern Power proposes to build in Cleveland County, North Carolina and will interconnect with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s Ripp substation near Duke Energy’s Mill Creek generating facility in Cherokee County, South Carolina. Further, the Company intends to construct the transmission line entirely within existing right-of-way to be owned by the Company. The Application reveals that Southern Power is currently engaged in negotiations with the affected landowners for the purchase of rights-of-way.

Regarding the need for additional capacity, the Application reveals that based on Southern Power’s assessments, the Company has concluded that there is a need for additional peaking capacity in North Carolina. The Company states that additional wholesale generation is essential to meet the current and future needs for electricity in North Carolina. The transmission line is needed to tie the four combustion turbine generators Southern Power proposes to construct, totaling 720 MW, to the transmission system in order to deliver electricity from these facilities. The Application also states that the Duke Energy Ripp substation located in South Carolina was chosen as the tie in point because there was no economical North Carolina tie in available. The Company opines that the proposed project will increase reliability and economy of Duke Energy’s service area, including the Piedmont region of South Carolina, by providing reliable peaking power and, thus, South Carolina consumers, who will not be served by this project at this time, will ultimately benefit.

A copy of the Company’s complete Application may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission’s website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from the office of Faye A. Flowers, Esquire, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

In order to receive testimony and evidence from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina beginning on **Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 25, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-165-E.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Faye A. Flowers, Esquire, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 on or before **May 25, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-165-E.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **May 25, 2009**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-165-E.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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